

Public Safety and Security Committee Room 3600, Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106
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Hi,

I am opposed to any new gun laws especially limits on magazine capacity or any prohibition of self defense rifles that would jeopardize my ability to protect my family in a crisis.

New gun laws that effect Law Abiding Citizens will not make any of us safer-they will actually make us more vulnerable to criminal activity.

In addition they will further erode CT's manufacturing base with Gun Companies leaving the state and send a significant number of taxpayers out of our state-Voting With Their Feet.

The financial loss of the Gun Industry and Law Abiding Second Amendment Taxpayers leaving the state coupled with the current defense cuts,insurance cuts,etc will send CT back into recession.

In the wake of the Sandy Hook Tragedy we have to ask ourselves two questions.

- 1.How did this happen?
- 2.How do we prevent it?

We already know the answer to the 1st question.

A mentally ill person believed to be on psychiatric medication obtained firearms illegally.

So what is the best way to prevent this from happening again?

It is certainly not to infringe on the 2nd Amendment rights of law abiding citizens.

Virtually all of the recent mass shootings have two things in common.

- 1.They were committed by the mentally ill on psychiatric medication.
- 2.They occurred in so called gun free zones.

Based on these facts we the people propose the following.

- 1.When purchasing a firearm the following question needs to be added to the background check questionnaire. Is anyone in you household being treated for a mental illness? No names and no recorded database as not to violate HIPAA
- 2.Enact a law making it a offense punishable by a fine of up to (TBD) to have firearms in a household with a mentally ill person(definition TBD) unless they obtain a special permit and secure their firearms with a safe or trigger lock
- 3.Abolish all gun free zones that can't be enforced specifically in schools and let specially trained school personal conceal carry firearms as required.
- 4.Post Sheriff Joe's volunteer posse ,Police, and/or security guards on the perimeter of the school grounds. Possibly one plains clothes as a deterrent and another undercover concealed carrying as a backup.

Thanks for your time,
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